GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SHELTER BELT FOR FOREST SPECIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for erecting a shelter belt for suitable forest species all along the coast of Kerala ;

(b) whether the Union Government has accorded the sanction for the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRINAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) and (c) During the Ninth Five Year Plan. Coastal Shelterbelt Plantation was carried out under Integrated Afforestation and Eco-development Project Scheme (IAEPS) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests which has been merged into National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme launched by Ministry during the Tenth Five Year Plan. NAP Scheme is being implemented through a two-tier decentralized institution of Forest Development Agency

(FDA) at the forest division level and Joint Forest Management Committees

(JFMCs) at the village level. Raising coastal shelterbelts to mitigate the adverse impacts of cyclonic winds is one of the objectives of NAP Scheme.14 FDA projects have been approved in Kerala State so far to cover a project area of 12,845 hectares through 199 Joint Forest Management Committees. Of these, 6 FDAs have jurisdiction extending over coastal area.